

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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IN RE: COOK MEDICAL, INC, IVC FILTERS  
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND  
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

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Case No. 1:14-ml-2570-RLY-TAB  
MDL No. 2570

This Document Relates to Plaintiff(s):

Leroy Stephens

Civil Case # 1:24-cv-07121-RLY-TAB

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**AMENDED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

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COMES NOW the Plaintiff(s) named below, and for Complaint against the Defendants named below, incorporate The Master Complaint in MDL No. 2570 by reference (Document 213). Plaintiff(s) further show the court as follows:

1. Plaintiff/Deceased Party:

Leroy Stephens

2. Spousal Plaintiff/Deceased Party's spouse or other party making loss of consortium claim:

N/A

3. Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):

N/A

4. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state of residence at the time of implant:

Florida

5. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state of residence at the time of injury:

Florida

6. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's current state of residence:

Florida

7. District Court and Division in which venue would be proper absent direct filing:

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Ocala Division

8. Defendants (Check Defendants against whom Complaint is made):

- ☒ Cook Incorporated  
☒ Cook Medical LLC  
☒ William Cook Europe ApS

9. Basis of Jurisdiction:

☒ Diversity of Citizenship

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Paragraphs in Master Complaint upon which venue and jurisdiction lie:

For purposes of remand and trial, venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 in the federal judicial district of each Plaintiff's state of residence. A substantial amount of activity giving rise to the claims occurred in this District, and Defendants may be found within this District. Therefore, venue is proper in this jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1391.

- b. Other allegations of jurisdiction and venue:

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10. Defendants' Inferior Vena Cava Filter(s) about which Plaintiff(s) is making a claim

(Check applicable Inferior Vena Cava Filters):

- ☐ Günther Tulip® Vena Cava Filter
- ☒ Cook Celect® Vena Cava Filter
- ☐ Gunther Tulip Mreye
- ☐ Cook Celect Platinum
- ☐ Other:
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11. Date of Implantation as to each product:

03/19/2008

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12. Hospital(s) where Plaintiff was implanted (including City and State):

UF Health Shands Hospital

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Gainesville, Florida

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13. Implanting Physician(s):

W. Anthony Lee, M.D.

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14. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

- ☒ Count I: Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn
- ☒ Count II: Strict Products Liability – Design Defect
- ☒ Count III: Negligence
- ☒ Count IV: Negligence Per Se

- ☒ Count V: Breach of Express Warranty
- ☒ Count VI: Breach of Implied Warranty
- ☒ Count VII: Violations of Applicable Florida (insert State)  
Law Prohibiting Consumer Fraud and Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices
- ☐ Count VIII: Loss of Consortium
- ☐ Count IX: Wrongful Death
- ☐ Count X: Survival
- ☒ Count XI: Punitive Damages
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Other: Fraudulent Concealment

(please state the facts supporting this Count in the space, immediately below)

Additional facts supporting Counts I, III, V, VI, VII, XI and Fraudulent

Concealment are included in Exhibit "A" which is incorporated by reference

herein.

15. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s):

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of December 2024 .

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on 12/18/2024, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the CM/ECF participants registered to receive service in this MDL.

/s/ Ben C. Martin

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